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SUBJ: W/W DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. RALPH SIMON

REF: SEVILLE 0600, STATE 303704, FOUCHE/KOMITOR TELECON

1. SPANISH POLICE AT MARBELLA ON DEC. 27 FOUND THE BODIES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THEIR BRITISH AND SWISS PASSPORTS TO BE RALPH AND RUTH SIMON. THE REMAINS WERE FOUND IN A CHALET THEY HAD RENTED DEC 3 IN AN ISOLATED AREA NEAR THE BEACH.
2. PENDING THE AUTOPSY THE PRELIMINARY FINDING IS THAT THEY DIED OF AN OVERDOSE OF BARBITURATES ABOUT THREE TO FIVE DAYS AGO. THE REMAINS ARE IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION DUE TO THE DAMP AND COOL WEATHER IN THAT AREA.
3. SPANISH POLICE HAD MOUNTED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH WHEN THEY COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE OF HOTEL REGISTRATION, EVENTUALLY LEADING THEM TO THIS ISOLATED CHALET. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH CONSULATE IN MALAGA WHO ARE NOW ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH MARBELLA AUTHORITIES. AS IT TURNS OUT, RUTH SIMON ALSO HAS BRITISH PASSPORT, SO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF BOTH DECEASED PARENTS WILL BE HANDLED BY BRITISH.

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4. GIVEN FOREGOING AND UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION, WE HAVE AGREED THAT NOTIFICATION OF NOK SHOULD APPROPRIATELY COME FROM BRITISH WHO WILL DO IT THROUGH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
5. IF OCCASION SHOULD ARISE, PLEASE EXPRESS TO MRS. WELT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THIS SAD OCCASION.FOUCHE

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